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17. The beverage according to claim 14, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosaccharide sweetener.

18. The beverage according to claim 15, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosaccharide sweetener.

**REMARKS**

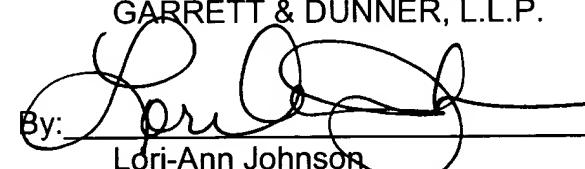
Applicants have amended the claims to remove some minor inconsistencies. These amendments do not narrow the claim scope, but instead, expand the claim scope. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this Amendment prior to examination of this application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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**APPENDIX TO SUPPLEMENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Amendments to the Claims

8. The beverage according to claim [4] 3, wherein the high-potency non-caloric sweetener is selected from at least one of aspartame, saccharin, acesulfame-K, cyclamate, and sucralose.
16. The beverage according to claim 13, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosaccharide sweetener.
17. The beverage according to claim 14, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosaccharide sweetener.
18. The beverage according to claim 15, wherein the freezing point depressant comprises a Sugar MNS selected from at least one of erythritol, isomalt, maltitol, lactitol, or fructo-oligosaccharide sweetener.

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